



Saguaro National Park (West)

Naturalist Program Schedule

Programs meet at the Red Hills Visitor Center, 2700 N. Kinney Road, and last 30 to 45 minutes, unless noted otherwise. All programs are subject to change. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5158 for updates. See www.nps.gov/sagu for other programs.

Naturalist Programs at Tucson Mountain District (West, 2700 N. Kinney Road):

October 24, 31 2:15 p.m. The CCC in the Tucson Mountains *Talk: 45 minutes*

The Civilian Conservation Corps was launched in the midst of The Great Depression as an employment program to take young men off the streets and give them jobs restoring the country's depleted soil and forest resources. Much of this involved building the infrastructures of public facilities in the Tucson area, including many of the stone structures and trails at Saguaro National Park and Tucson Mountain Park. *Wheelchair accessible.*

October 6, 20 3:15 p.m. How Do They Do It? *Walk: 15 minutes, 100 yards*

Discover how the plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert have adapted to the harsh conditions of this unique environment. **This program also is offered in Spanish at 12:15 p.m. Oct. 6 and 20.** *Wheelchair accessible.*

October 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 11:15 a.m. Play Sonoran Desert Bingo! *Game: 1 hour*

Learn about the plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert while enjoying a rousing version of Bingo! Get five in a row – down, across, or diagonally – and win a non-monetary prize. First come, first served. *Wheelchair accessible.*

October 7, 21 10:15 a.m. Sonoran Secrets to Desert Survival *Walk: 60 minutes, 250 yards*

Stroll the Cactus Garden and identify the most common hazards hidden in the desert, uncover survival strategies of native plants and animals, and acquire practical tips to ensure your safety. *Wheelchair accessible.*

October 14, 28 10:15 a.m. Mountain Lions: Beyond the Myth *Talk: 45 minutes*

Envision a puma stalking its prey, then uncover the true nature of this elusive but essential predator. Misunderstood, maligned, and nearly eradicated by settlers, the mountain lion remains threatened by human encroachment.

October 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 29 10:15 a.m. Living With Giants *Talk: 45 minutes*

The saguaro celebrates events and faces challenges throughout its life. A biologist explains how it provides shelter and substance for wildlife; when it flowers; its growth patterns; and how it fights for survival against drought, lightning, frost, and other dangers. *Wheelchair accessible.*

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 2:15 p.m. Lizards are Hot, Lizards are Cool *Talk: 30 minutes*

Lizards are small denizens of the desert that are a critical component of our desert community. Find out what it means when they do pushups or exhibit other behaviors. *Wheelchair accessible.*

October 9, 23, 31 10:15 a.m. Javelina: Our Desert Neighbors *Talk: 30 min*

Also, **October 3, 4, 9, 23, 24, 25, 30** at 3:15 p.m. Sometimes referred to as the "desert pig," the javelina is not a pig at all. Learn about this intriguing creature and how it survives in this arid environment. **(This program also is offered in Spanish at 12:15 p.m. October 3 and 24.)** *Wheelchair accessible.*